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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

REF: THE HAGUE 4408

1. 1976 NATIONAL ENERGY OUTLOOK INCLUDED "REGIONAL LIMITATION" SCENARIO, WHICH ASSUMED ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON ENERGY PRODUCTION BY CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. WESTERN COAL PRODUCING STATES HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF COAL RESOURCES FOR EASTERN INDUSTRIAL MARKETS WITH ATTENDANT SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. A SEVERANCE TAX IS A PERCENTAGE TAX ON THE VALUE OF EACH TON OF COAL PRODUCED, TO GENERATE STATE REVENUE IN COMPENSATION FOR LOST RESOURCE. MONTANA CURRENTLY APPLIES 30 PERCENT SEVERANCE TAX. THE SCENARIO ASSUMED TAX ONLY FOR WESTERN STATES BECAUSE ONLY THOSE STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE OR ARE LIKELY TO IMPOSE SUCH RESTRICTIONS.

2. FYI. ANALYSIS AND PROJECTIONS IN 1976 NATIONAL ENERGY  
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OUTLOOK HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED IN NEW ANALYSIS FOR THE NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN, AND NO LONGER SERVE AS BASIS FOR U.S. POLICY OR ANALYSIS. NEW ENERGY PLAN IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN THE SENATE AND FINAL VERSION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SOME TIME. VANCE

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